

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 7-11 are currently pending. Claims 3 and 5 are cancelled herein. Applicants have amended claim 1 herein in response to the Examiner's objections and in response to the rejection of the previously pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Support for the amendment to claim 1 to incorporate general formula (2) is found on page 12, line 9 through page 14, line 8 of the specification. No new matter will be introduced by entry of this amendment. Entry is respectfully requested.

As set forth in claim 1, the dispersible composition of the present invention is capable of containing a functional substance such as a colorant in a well-dispersed state. Applicants submit that the claim objections and claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are resolved by the above amendments and respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,157,539 ("the Sato et al. '539 patent). Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn for the reasons set forth below.

The Sato et al. ('539) patent discloses a block segment constituted by a monomer unit of general formula (11). Applicants note that general formula (11) of the '539 patent can involve general formula (1) and general formula (2) of the present invention. However, the Sato et al. '539 patent does not disclose or suggest the two types of monomers represented by general formula (1) and general formula (2) of the present invention included in a block polymer compound. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1, 2 and 7-11 are allowable over the Sato et al.

'539 patent and request that the rejection of the claims in view of this reference be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,491,903 ("the Forster et al. '903 patent. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn since the Forester et al. '903 patent does not disclose or suggest the invention set forth in claim 1 as amended herein.

Finally, applicants defer response to the double patenting rejections at this time since they are provisional.

Applicants submit that, in view of the amendments to the claims and the argument presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed supra, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicants however, reserve the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

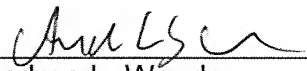
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5077. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5077. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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